

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Y. KANEDA, et al

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPERATION AND
MANAGEMENT OF STORAGE APPARATUS

Group: 3627

Examiner: J. S. McClellan

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**MS Amendment**Commissioner for Patents
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July 18, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006, please amend
the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification**Amendments to the Claims****Remarks** are included following the amendments.